

The report provides some very interesting and very troubling findings about where the threats to U.S. interests, U.S. citizens, and international stability have been coming from during the past year.

One of the most dramatic findings of the report is that Pakistan, traditionally an ally of the United States, is guilty of providing safe haven and support to international terrorist groups.

Unfortunately, Madam Speaker, the State Department stopped short of adding Pakistan to the list of seven nations that are described as state sponsors of terrorism.

Madam Speaker, at the beginning of this year, I introduced legislation calling on the State Department to declare Pakistan a terrorist state. I believe that the information made public this week gives added urgency to that effort.

To quote, if I may, Madam Speaker, from the section of the State Department's report dealing with South Asia, it says, "In 1999, the locus of terrorism directed against the United States continued to shift from the Middle East to South Asia." The report goes on to cite the Taliban, which controls significant areas of Afghanistan, for providing safe haven for international terrorists, particularly Usama Bin Ladin and his network.

As the report points out, "Pakistan is one of only three countries that maintains formal diplomatic relations with and one of several that supported Afghanistan's Taliban."

The report goes on to say, "The United States made repeated requests to Islamabad," the Pakistan capital, "to end support for elements harboring and training terrorists in Afghanistan and urged the Government of Pakistan to close certain Pakistani religious schools that serve as conduits for terrorism. Credible reports also continue to indicate official Pakistani support for Kashmiri militant groups, such as the Harakat ul-Mujahedin, or HUM, that engaged in terrorism." This organization has been linked to the hijacking late last year of the Air India flight, and one of the hijackers' demands was that a leader of the HUM be freed from prison in India in exchange for the innocent hostages on the aircraft. That leader has since returned to Pakistan, according to the State Department.

I might also add, Madam Speaker, that this organization, the HUM, under a previous name has been linked to the kidnapping of Western tourists in Kashmir. Two of those Westerners have been murdered; and several others, including an American, remain unaccounted for.

The region of Kashmir has been ground zero for much of the Pakistani-supported terrorist activity. The State Department report notes that, "Kashmiri extremist groups continue to operate in Pakistan, raising funds and recruiting new cadre." It blames these groups for numerous terrorist attacks

against civilian targets in India's State of Jammu and Kashmir.

After last summer's U.S. diplomatic intervention to end Pakistan's incursion onto India's side of the Line of Control in Kashmir, Pakistani and Kashmiri extremist groups worked to stir up anti-American sentiment.

As my colleagues can imagine, Madam Speaker, at yesterday's briefing on the release of the report, Michael Sheehan, the State Department's Coordinator for counterterrorism, was put on the defensive as to why Pakistan was not designated as a state sponsor of terrorism when the report contained such damning information.

The agency's response is that Pakistan has sent mixed messages, on the one hand cooperating on extradition and embassy security, while, on the other hand, having relationships with the Kashmiri groups and the Taliban.

But, Madam Speaker, Ambassador Sheehan warned, "for state sponsorship or the designation of foreign terrorist organizations, you can do it any time of the year."

Madam Speaker, the U.S. Counterterrorism Policy is very simple: First, make no concessions to terrorists and strike no deals; second, bring terrorists to justice for their crimes; third, isolate and apply pressure on states that sponsor terrorism to force them to change their behavior; and fourth, bolster the counter-terrorism capabilities of those countries that work with the United States and require assistance.

Madam Speaker, I hope that the State Department will pay particular attention to the third and fourth points with regard to Pakistan and South Asia.

President Clinton, during his recent trip to South Asia, tried to appeal to the Pakistani military junta to cease support for terrorist organizations and activities. The pressure on Pakistan must be maintained and strengthened. Pakistani leaders should be reminded that the threat that their country could be designated as a terrorist state is a real one that could be invoked at any time.

India has been the prime victim of terrorism emanating from or supported by Pakistan. Thus, in keeping with the fourth point of the State Department's stated policy, we should strive to work much more closely with India, a democracy, on counter-terrorism efforts.

We can only hope that reason will prevail in Islamabad and that the Pakistani Government will see that the result of its present course will be increased isolation from the world community. If not, then we must be prepared to follow through and declare Pakistan a state that sponsors terrorism, with all of the stigma and isolation that goes with such a declaration.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MCHUGH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 2:00 p.m. on account of official business.

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. INSLEE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DOOLEY of California, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JEFFERSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 8, 2000, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7456. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Arkansas [Docket No. 97-108-2] received March 6, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7457. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Franklin, PA, Non-appropriated Fund Wage Area (RIN: 3206-AJ00) received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7458. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Lebanon, PA, Non-appropriated Fund Wage Area (RIN: 3206-AJ01) received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7459. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Central Aleutian District and Bering Sea subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 000211040-0040-01; I.D. 022500B] received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7460. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Marshalltown, IA [Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-52]—received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7461. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Iowa City, IA [Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-50] received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7462. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Fredericktown, MO; Correction [Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-47] received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7463. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, FL [CGD07-00-008] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7464. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9, Model MD-90-30, Model 717-200, and Model MD-88 airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-58-AD; Amendment 39-11595; AD 2000-03-51] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7465. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 222, 222B, 222U, and 230 Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-77-AD; Amendment 39-11598; AD 2000-04-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7466. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aerospatiale Model ATR72 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-240-AD; Amendment 39-11596; AD 2000-04-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7467. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, -200, and -300 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-366-AD; Amendment 39-11600; AD 2000-04-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7468. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, trans-

mitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Esterville, IA [Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-54] received March 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7469. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Model 560 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-312-AD; Amendment 39-11568; AD 2000-03-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7470. A letter from the Director, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Criteria for Approving Flight Courses for Educational Assistance Programs (RIN: 2900-A176) received March 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7471. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Department Store Indexes [Rev. Rul. 2000-14] received March 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. ARCHER: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 434. A bill to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa (Rept. 106-606). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 489. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 434) to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa (Rept. 106-607). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 4376. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit certain members of the Individual Ready Reserve to participate in the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 4377. A bill to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-ROBERTSON Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. CLAYTON (for herself, Mr. CLAY, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. DAVIS of Il-

linois, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. CARSON, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. OWENS, Mr. WYNN, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. SCOTT, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN):

H.R. 4378. A bill to establish a grant program in the Department of Agriculture to support bilateral exchange programs whereby African-American farmers and other agricultural farming specialist share technical knowledge with African farmers regarding maximization of crop yields, expansion of trade in agricultural products, and ways to improve farming in Africa, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DUNN:

H.R. 4379. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow non-itemizers a deduction for a portion of their charitable contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LAFALCE (for himself, Mr.

DINGELL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. KANJORSKI, Ms. WATERS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. LEE, Mr. INSLEE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. STARK, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. RUSH):

H.R. 4380. A bill to strengthen consumers' control over the use and disclosure of their personal financial and health information by financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. NUSSLE):

H.R. 4381. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that income averaging for farmers shall be applied by taking into account negative taxable income during the base period years; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HALL of Ohio (for himself and Mr. HOBSON):

H.R. 4382. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide temporary authority to offer voluntary separation incentives and early retirement to civilian employees of the Department of the Air Force and to provide experimental hiring and personnel management authority for the Department for the purpose of maintaining continuity in the skill level of employees and adapting workforce skills to emerging technologies critical to the needs of the Department; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. HERGER:

H.R. 4383. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that qualified personal service corporations may continue to use the cash method of accounting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JEFFERSON (for himself, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. MCCREY, Mr. BAKER, Mr. JOHN, Mr. COOKSEY, and Mr. VITTER):

H.R. 4384. A bill to authorize the President to award gold medals on behalf of the Congress to the family of Andrew Jackson Higgins and the wartime employees of Higgins