

security is under increasing threat from the PRC; and we must decide whether to cover certain Asian countries under a theater missile defense.

On the economic side, our trade deficit with China continues to grow to unprecedented levels; U.S. firms continue to face great difficulties operating in the Japanese market; and we must decide how the U.S. will deal with calls for greater economic integration among the Asian nations.

The Pacific Charter Commission created by the legislation before the House today could help the administration and Congress get the information and analysis needed to craft effective and informed foreign policy in that region.

The commission will also closely review U.S. policy toward the Asia-Pacific region and make recommendations to increase its effectiveness. Given the complexity of the political, security and economic problems facing U.S. policymakers in the region, the commission can help give voice to Asia-Pacific experts outside of the executive and congressional branches of government as well.

Obviously, the commission will only be as effective as its chairman and commissioners, but with strong leadership, the commission could help the U.S. pursue human rights, democracy, trade and security matters in Asia.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4889.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the Extension of remarks accompanying the introduction of H.R. 4899, there seems to be a desire for the proposed Commission to prefer one nation to another. India over China.

There is always a danger that we will codify a temporary mindset so as to put ourselves in a policy box where the principles and boundaries of our foreign policy becomes rigid; where a future Congress and chief Executive will be unable to alter course as our national interest compels; and where we may surrender our freedom of choice.

Lastly, I question the good that this nation can derive by so explicitly preferring India over China, whereby prompted by our affection for India, we may withhold criticism of India's actions and policies in the regional conflicts of South Asia. This can be seen as hostile to the people of Pakistan.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4899, The Asian Pacific Charter Commission Act of 2000. This legislation will establish a commission to promote a consistent and coordinated foreign policy of the United States to ensure economic and military security in the Pacific region of Asia through the promotion of democracy, human rights, the rule of law, free trade, and open markets.

I would first like to thank the gentleman from New York, Chairman BEN GILMAN, for his leadership in introducing this measure. I don't need to remind my Colleagues about Congressman GILMAN's courageous service in World War II in the Pacific theater. Serving as a Staff Sergeant in the 19th Bomb Group of the 20th Army Air Force, Congressman GILMAN flew 35 missions over Japan and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air

Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters. Furthermore, I want to commend Chairman GILMAN's dedication to promoting democracy and the rule of law in the Pacific region throughout his entire career.

As the proud Representative from Guam, which is located only 1,600 miles away from the Philippines, I strongly believe that H.R. 4899 is a step in the right direction in bringing together a commission which is designed to reinforce the United States commitment to a stable Pacific Region. Such a commission must clearly focus on human rights, the promotion of free and fair elections, constructive military partnerships, and basic coordination and communication between the United States and our friends and allies in the Pacific. Given Guam's strategic location within the Pacific Basin, I would like to contribute and play a constructive role in this new commission.

Congress must promote a consistent foreign policy which seeks to spread democracy through peaceful and constructive means. H.R. 4899 clearly serves this purpose. I encourage all Members to support this important resolution.

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4899, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to establish a commission to promote a consistent and coordinated foreign policy of the United States to ensure economic and military security in the Asia-Pacific region through the promotion of democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF EDUCATION FOR ALL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 399.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GOODLING) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 399, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 359, nays 2, not voting 72, as follows:

[Roll No. 487]

YEAS—359

Abercrombie	Emerson	Leach
Ackerman	Eshoo	Levin
Aderholt	Etheridge	Lewis (CA)
Allen	Evans	Lewis (GA)
Andrews	Everett	Lewis (KY)
Archer	Ewing	Linder
Armey	Farr	Lipinski
Baca	Fattah	LoBiondo
Bachus	Filner	Lofgren
Baird	Fletcher	Lowe
Baldacci	Foley	Lucas (KY)
Baldwin	Forbes	Lucas (OK)
Barcia	Ford	Luther
Barrett (NE)	Fowler	Maloney (NY)
Barrett (WI)	Frank (MA)	Manzullo
Bartlett	Frelinghuysen	Markey
Barton	Frost	Martinez
Bass	Gallegly	Mascara
Becerra	Ganske	McCarthy (MO)
Bentsen	Gejdenson	McCarthy (NY)
Bereuter	Gekas	McDermott
Berkley	Gephardt	McGovern
Berman	Gibbons	McHugh
Berry	Gilchrest	McInnis
Biggart	Gilman	McIntyre
Bilbray	Gonzalez	McKeon
Bilirakis	Goode	Meehan
Bishop	Goodlatte	Meek (FL)
Blagojevich	Goodling	Menendez
Blumenauer	Gordon	Metcalfe
Boehlert	Goss	Millender-
Boehner	Granger	McDonald
Bonilla	Green (TX)	Miller (FL)
Bonior	Green (WI)	Minge
Bono	Greenwood	Moakley
Borski	Gutknecht	Mollohan
Boswell	Hall (OH)	Moore
Boucher	Hall (TX)	Moran (KS)
Boyd	Hansen	Moran (VA)
Brady (PA)	Hastings (FL)	Morella
Brady (TX)	Hastings (WA)	Nadler
Brown (OH)	Hayes	Napolitano
Bryant	Hayworth	Ney
Burr	Hefley	Norwood
Buyer	Herger	Nussle
Callahan	Hill (MT)	Oberstar
Calvert	Hilleary	Obey
Camp	Hinojosa	Olver
Canady	Hobson	Ortiz
Cannon	Hoefel	Ose
Capuano	Hoekstra	Owens
Cardin	Holden	Packard
Carson	Holt	Pallone
Castle	Hooley	Pascrell
Chabot	Horn	Pastor
Chambliss	Hostettler	Payne
Chenoweth-Hage	Houghton	Pease
Clay	Hoyer	Peterson (MN)
Clayton	Hulshof	Peterson (PA)
Clyburn	Hunter	Petri
Coble	Hutchinson	Phelps
Collins	Hyde	Pickering
Combest	Inslee	Pickett
Condit	Istook	Pitts
Conyers	Jackson (IL)	Pomeroy
Cooksey	Jackson-Lee	Porter
Costello	(TX)	Portman
Cox	Jefferson	Price (NC)
Coyne	Jenkins	Radanovich
Cramer	John	Rahall
Crane	Johnson (CT)	Ramstad
Crowley	Johnson, E. B.	Rangel
Cummings	Johnson, Sam	Regula
Cunningham	Jones (NC)	Reyes
Davis (FL)	Kanjorski	Reynolds
Davis (IL)	Kaptur	Riley
Davis (VA)	Kasich	Rivers
Deal	Kelly	Rodriguez
DeGette	Kennedy	Roemer
DeLay	Kildee	Rogan
DeMint	Kilpatrick	Rogers
Deutsch	Kind (WI)	Rohrabacher
Diaz-Balart	King (NY)	Ros-Lehtinen
Dicks	Kingston	Rothman
Dingell	Klecza	Roukema
Dixon	Knollenberg	Roybal-Allard
Doggett	Kolbe	Royce
Dooley	Kucinich	Rush
Doolittle	Kuykendall	Ryan (WI)
Doyle	LaFalce	Ryun (KS)
Dreier	LaHood	Sabo
Duncan	Lampson	Salmon
Dunn	Largent	Sanchez
Edwards	Larson	Sandlin
Ehlers	Latham	Sawyer
Ehrlich	LaTourette	Saxton

Scarborough	Stark	Upton
Schaffer	Stearns	Velazquez
Schakowsky	Stenholm	Visclosky
Scott	Strickland	Walden
Sensenbrenner	Stump	Walsh
Sessions	Stupak	Wamp
Shadegg	Sununu	Waters
Shaw	Tancredo	Watkins
Shays	Tanner	Watt (NC)
Sherman	Tauscher	Watts (OK)
Sherwood	Tauzin	Weiner
Shimkus	Taylor (MS)	Weldon (FL)
Shuster	Terry	Weldon (PA)
Simpson	Thomas	Weller
Siskis	Thompson (CA)	Wexler
Skeen	Thompson (MS)	Weygand
Skelton	Thornberry	Whitfield
Slaughter	Thune	Wilson
Smith (NJ)	Thurman	Wolf
Smith (TX)	Tiahrt	Wu
Smith (WA)	Toomey	Wynn
Snyder	Towns	Young (AK)
Spence	Traficant	Young (FL)
Spratt	Turner	
Stabenow	Udall (CO)	

NAYS—2

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NOT VOTING—72

Baker	Gutierrez	Neal
Ballenger	Hill (IN)	Nethercutt
Barr	Hilliard	Northup
Bliley	Hinche	Oxley
Blunt	Isakson	Pelosi
Brown (FL)	Jones (OH)	Pombo
Burton	Klink	Pryce (OH)
Campbell	Lantos	Quinn
Capps	Lazio	Sanders
Clement	Lee	Serrano
Coburn	Maloney (CT)	Shows
Cook	Matsui	Smith (MI)
Cubin	McCollum	Souder
Danner	McCrery	Sweeney
DeFazio	McIntosh	Talent
Delahunt	McKinney	Taylor (NC)
DeLauro	McNulty	Tierney
Dickey	Meeks (NY)	Udall (NM)
Engel	Mica	Vento
English	Miller, Gary	Vitter
Fossella	Miller, George	Waxman
Franks (NJ)	Mink	Wicker
Gillmor	Murtha	Wise
Graham	Myrick	Woolsey

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Ms. GRANGER changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was on a plane returning from my district tonight and was unable to attend votes. Had I been here I would have made the following vote on rollcall No. 487—"yea."

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, regretfully I was unavoidably detained and could not vote on rollcall No. 487. Had I been here, I would have voted "yea" for H. Con. Res. 399.

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote No. 487. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

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#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 5194

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 5194.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on the remaining motion to suspended the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken tomorrow.

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#### CALLING UPON THE PRESIDENT TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 100) calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.J. RES. 100

Whereas August 1, 2000, is the 25th anniversary of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), renamed the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in January 1995 (in this joint resolution referred to as the "Helsinki Final Act");

Whereas the Helsinki Final Act, for the first time in the history of international agreements, accorded human rights the status of a fundamental principle in regulating international relations;

Whereas during the Communist era, members of nongovernmental organizations, such as the Helsinki Monitoring Groups in Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Georgia, and Armenia and similar groups in Czechoslovakia and Poland, sacrificed their personal freedom and even their lives in their courageous and vocal support for the principles enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act;

Whereas the United States Congress contributed to advancing the aims of the Helsinki Final Act by creating the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe to monitor and encourage compliance with provisions of the Helsinki Final Act;

Whereas in the 1990 Charter of Paris for a New Europe, the participating states declared, "Human rights and fundamental freedoms are the birthright of all human beings, are inalienable and are guaranteed by law. Their protection and promotion is the first responsibility of government";

Whereas in the 1991 Document of the Moscow Meeting of the Conference on the Human Dimension of the CSCE, the participating states "categorically and irrevocably declare[d] that the commitments undertaken in the field of the human dimension of the CSCE are matters of direct and legitimate concern to all participating States and do not belong exclusively to the internal affairs of the State concerned";

Whereas in the 1990 Charter of Paris for a New Europe, the participating states committed themselves "to build, consolidate and strengthen democracy as the only system of government of our nations";

Whereas the 1999 Istanbul Charter for European Security and Istanbul Summit Declaration note the particular challenges of ending violence against women and children

as well as sexual exploitation and all forms of trafficking in human beings, strengthening efforts to combat corruption, eradicating torture, reinforcing efforts to end discrimination against Roma and Sinti, and promoting democracy and respect for human rights in Serbia;

Whereas the main challenge facing the participating states remains the implementation of the principles and commitments contained in the Helsinki Final Act and other OSCE documents adopted on the basis of consensus;

Whereas the participating states have recognized that economic liberty, social justice, and environmental responsibility are indispensable for prosperity;

Whereas the participating states have committed themselves to promote economic reforms through enhanced transparency for economic activity with the aim of advancing the principles of market economies;

Whereas the participating states have stressed the importance of respect for the rule of law and of vigorous efforts to fight organized crime and corruption, which constitute a great threat to economic reform and prosperity;

Whereas OSCE has expanded the scope and substance of its efforts, undertaking a variety of preventive diplomacy initiatives designed to prevent, manage, and resolve conflict within and among the participating states;

Whereas the politico-military aspects of security remain vital to the interests of the participating states and constitute a core element of OSCE's concept of comprehensive security;

Whereas the OSCE has played an increasingly active role in civilian police-related activities, including training, as an integral part of OSCE's efforts in conflict prevention, crisis management, and post-conflict rehabilitation; and

Whereas the participating states bear primary responsibility for raising violations of the Helsinki Final Act and other OSCE documents: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Congress calls upon the President to—

(1) issue a proclamation—

(A) recognizing the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;

(B) reasserting the commitment of the United States to full implementation of the Helsinki Final Act;

(C) urging all signatory states to abide by their obligations under the Helsinki Final Act; and

(D) encouraging the people of the United States to join the President and the Congress in observance of this anniversary with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and

(2) convey to all signatory states of the Helsinki Final Act that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, democratic principles, economic liberty, and the implementation of related commitments continue to be vital elements in promoting a new era of democracy, peace, and unity in the region covered by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. CROWLEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members