

version of the Defense Appropriations bill does not address the issue leaving this issue to be resolved in conference.

Mr. Speaker, while I generally support the provision to suspend the sanctions against the two South Asian nations, there is one other critical provision in the Senate language that would, in my opinion, be a grave mistake. The Senate bill includes language to repeal the Pressler amendment, which bans U.S. military assistance to Pakistan. I will be sending a letter to the conferees this week urging them to drop the Pressler amendment repeal and to just stick to suspending the Glenn amendment sanctions that were imposed last year, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

I believe we must retain the Pressler amendment, which was adopted in the 1980s and was invoked by President Bush in response to Pakistan's nuclear proliferation activities. And nothing has changed to justify repeal of Pressler.

Earlier this year, we were again reminded of why the Pressler amendment should remain in effect. Pakistan provoked a serious crisis in Kashmir by supporting the incursion of militants into territory on India's side of the Line of Control in Kashmir in the spring. Given that the two countries have become nuclear powers, the conflict in Kashmir grabbed the world's attention.

Fortunately, India responded in a restrained and responsible way, using measured and appropriate force to protect its territory without precipitating a wider war. And our State Department, in its public statements, clearly recognized which of the two countries was fomenting instability, and that is Pakistan, and which was behaving responsibly, and that was India.

Besides playing a direct role in arming and training the militants, there were strong indications that the Pakistani Army regulars were actually among the infiltrators. As Pakistan-supported aggression in Kashmir backfired militarily, Pakistan tried to salvage some kind of diplomatic or political windfall out of its Kashmir debacle by trying to drag the U.S. into the role of mediator, an offer that our country has wisely refused.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Pakistan is the country that promoted instability in the recent conflict as they have so often done in the past. Pakistan's involvement in supporting the militants who continually infiltrate India's territory is an example of how Pakistan promotes regional instability and commits or supports aggression against its neighbors. India, on the other hand, is not involved in these kinds of hostile, destabilizing activities against its neighbors.

Pakistan, Mr. Speaker, has also been repeatedly implicated, along with China, Iran, and North Korea, in the proliferation of nuclear weapons and missile technology. India's nuclear program, on the other hand, is an indige-

nous program and India has not been involved with sharing this technology with unstable regimes. And I think that is an extremely important distinction.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to stress that our priorities should be to do what we can. The best way we could do that is to limit the sanctions imposed under the Glenn amendment, to restore the growing economic relationship between the United States and India. But we should lift those sanctions in the case of the Glenn amendment without the ill-advised lifting of the Pressler amendment prohibition on military transfers for Pakistan.

The historic free-market economic reforms that India initiated at the beginning of this decade have created vast opportunity for American participation in India's economic future. The sanctions under the Glenn amendment restrict our ability to participate in this emerging market. And that is why the Glenn amendment is a good thing and there is bipartisan support for lifting it for the 5 years, but it has to be done without the ill-advised lift of the Pressler amendment and the prohibition on military transfers for Pakistan that are in the Pressler amendment.

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REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-309) on the resolution (H. Res. 281) providing for consideration of a motion to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2587, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-310) on the resolution (H. Res. 282) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2587) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said district for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 417, BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ACT OF 1999

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-311) on the resolution (H. Res. 283) providing for consideration of

the bill (H.R. 417) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

A TRIBUTE TO AMORY UNDERHILL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SHAW) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to my dear friend Amory Underhill who passed away last night at the age of 89 in DeLand, Florida. Amory was highly respected and honored for his lifetime accomplishments and service.

Amory served as lieutenant commander in the United States Navy. After his military service, Amory came to Washington, D.C. where he became special attorney at the United States Department of Justice. Amory also served as first assistant in the anti-trust division and Deputy Attorney General's office and was appointed as assistant Attorney General by President Truman.

Amory was proud to have attended every presidential inaugural from President Roosevelt through President Clinton and privileged to have a personal relationship with each one of these presidents.

Throughout all of Amory's achievements, he remained a dedicated Floridian through his service and generosity to his native State. Amory served as trustee emeritus of my alma mater, Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, and Saint Leo College in Saint Leo, Florida. He served as chairman emeritus of the Board of Overseers of Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida, and as chairman and president of the Bert Fish Foundation in DeLand, Florida.

Amory was actively involved in the Florida House here in Washington, D.C., serving as treasurer and as a member of the founding board with the late Governor Lawton Chiles and his wife, Rhea. From the time he first came to Washington, through the rest of his life, he was a fixture at every Florida State society function, acting as friend and mentor to generations of Floridians in Washington, including the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and grateful to have had the opportunity to have known Amory Underhill. Amory was a highly respected man in Florida. While I am saddened by his passage, his extensive contributions to Florida, this Nation, and the fond memories that I have will live on forever.

THE WACO TRAGEDY, WILL THE TRUTH EVER BE KNOWN?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to briefly discuss the Waco tragedy that has been so much in the news over the past few days.

Before coming to Congress, I spent 7½ years as a criminal court judge trying felony criminal cases. I tried the attempted murder of James Earl Ray, several death penalties cases, and many high profile cases of all types. I believe in the death penalty as it is now used, meaning on our most horrible cases, and I believe in very long sentences for violent, hardened criminals. I am very strongly anticrime; but I must say tonight that I think this Waco tragedy was one of the most tragic episodes in our Nation's history and one of the most despicable things the Federal Government has ever done.

Eighty-six people, including 24 children, were put to death simply for attempting to be left alone, so they could practice what I and most other people felt were kooky religious beliefs. But in a free country, people are supposed to have the right to have kooky, weird or unusual beliefs as long as they are not hurting anyone else.

The Waco victims were killed apparently because federal law enforcement officials were bound and determined to conduct a raid that would make the national news. This was not about law enforcement; this was about publicity.

Now, after 6 years, we discover, as many people suspected all along, that the FBI has been lying about this sordid affair. We heard a few days ago that contrary to previous Justice Department statements, incendiary devices were placed by the Government into the Branch Davidians' home.

Today, we are told even more incendiary devices were put in there, something called military star flares, highly flammable. The federal law enforcement people bombarded this home for many weeks, hour after hour, minute after minute, with extremely loud noises, extremely bright lights throughout the night. Then they moved in the tanks.

Hundreds of officers, thousands and thousands of highly paid man-hours, hundred of millions of taxpayer dollars wasted in a massive overkill of people who were of no threat to anyone.

Then the Government attempted to do a false public relations campaign about child abuse, of which there was no proof, and illegal weapons, also not proved.

What makes all of this even worse is that the kooky leader, David Koresh, was frequently out of the Davidians' home alone and could have easily been arrested on many occasions if the ATF and others were not primarily interested in publicity in the first place.

Eighty-six people killed, 24 children dead, in what many people now say was a raid done in an attempt to justify increased appropriations.

Five or 6 years ago, Forbes Magazine had a lengthy cover story about the Justice Department. The story said that we had quadrupled the Justice De-

partment funding since 1980 and that prosecutors and federal law enforcement people were falling all over themselves trying to find cases to prosecute.

The article said they were resorting to going after honest business people who had unintentionally violated laws they did not even know were in existence, shades of the IRS.

Several months ago, Newsweek Magazine had a cover story which said on its cover, "The IRS, Lawless, Abusive, Out of Control."

Well, the same thing could be said today of the Justice Department under Attorney General Reno and our federal law enforcement agencies. Today, our law enforcement dollar is out of whack. The highest paid law enforcement people are federal bureaucrats who sit here in Washington and never see a real criminal unless they are mugged on the way to their cars after work.

The lowest paid law officers are the local police and sheriffs deputies, the people who are fighting the real crime, the street crime, the violent crime that people want fought.

The tragedy at Waco, the deaths of the children, the lies about it since it happened, are all the outgrowth of a Federal Government that has grown too big for its own good, and certainly too powerful and too arrogant for the good of the people for whom these Government officials are supposed to be working.

While I am discussing this, I should also mention the cold-blooded killing by the FBI of 13-year-old Sammy Weaver and his mother at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

This small boy was cowardly shot in the back and his mother was shot as she held her small baby in the doorway of her house.

And no one is ever held accountable for all of these deaths and all of these lies, because today we do not have a Government of, by and for the people but instead have one that is of, by and for the bureaucrats, the unelected elite of this Nation.

The only thing these people really care about is their money. What we should do, but will not, is to drastically cut the money for these agencies and give it instead to local law enforcement agencies or back to the hard-working citizens we took it from in the first place.

It certainly, Mr. Speaker, will not satisfy anyone to have a whitewash investigation by establishment types handpicked by the Justice Department and approved by our very biased national media.

VA-HUD INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RUSH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, the VA-HUD bill that we are considering today is unacceptable. At a time of unprece-

dent economic prosperity, the question is: Why is it that we are cutting the supply of affordable housing instead of increasing the supply of affordable housing?

The cuts proposed by the Republicans will be devastating to our Nation's most vulnerable citizens. The majority proposes to cut \$1.6 billion below last year's levels. The VA-HUD bill does not include any of President Clinton's requests for new housing and economic development assistance, such as 100,000 new Section 8 vouchers, APIC, which is America's Private Investment Companies, and other initiatives.

In the City of Chicago, these cuts would deprive 2,530 people of jobs; 1,915 people of affordable housing; and deny assistance to 397 homeless families and persons with AIDS. It is estimated that the City of Chicago will lose \$33,975,000 as a result of the VA-HUD cuts.

My constituents are asking, what is going on here in Washington? Well, I will tell what is going on here.

The proponents of this huge tax cut are looking for ways to pay for their plan for their wealthiest supporters. Unfortunately, they chose to do this on the backs of the poor, our most vulnerable citizens. I urge my Republican colleagues to fully fund VA-HUD. We must expand, not cut, the programs that meet vital housing and economic development needs of our most vulnerable citizens.

TAX RELIEF, IT IS GOOD FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to address tonight the Republican budget and the tax relief package which Americans certainly deserve and is long overdue to them and particularly in respect to the rhetorical terrorism that we seem to hear from the White House.

I guess it is the fall. Everybody is back on the football field. The kids are back in school and the White House hot air machine is in full force spreading the lies which they seem to be so good about. Now here we have a budget which is a three-point budget, Mr. Speaker; and basically what it does, as a triangle, the apex of the triangle does one thing, protects Social Security and Medicare, setting aside \$1.9 trillion for Social Security and Medicare protection. Unlike the President's proposal that he made in January of this year, standing right in front of where the Speaker is, saying let us put aside 62 percent of the Social Security surplus, the Republican plan puts aside 100 percent.

Now, even if someone is a liberal over at the White House, they know that 100 percent is more than 62 percent, and this is good for your grandmother and my grandmother.