

stronger, more robust, and more important than ever.

The Taiwan Relations Act established the American Institute in Taiwan, AIT, as a nonprofit corporation to conduct any and all U.S. Government programs, transactions, and other relations with Taiwan; in other words, to function as America's unofficial embassy.

The current AIT facilities, which consist largely of aging quonset huts, are grossly inadequate and were not designed for the important functions of AIT. They were built as temporary facilities almost 50 years ago and are increasingly difficult and expensive to maintain.

From the perspective of security, AIT fails miserably in its structure. AIT is surrounded by taller buildings and lacking adequate setback. Major cost-ineffective enhancements would be required to bring it into compliance with security requirements.

Because of the unique status of Taiwan, the State Department is not able under routine authority to proceed with the planning and the construction of a new facility for AIT. The legislative branch, this Congress, must specifically authorize and appropriate the necessary funds.

AIT has made a good-faith effort to set aside funds for the construction of a new office building or complex. However, this effort, while significant, will never be sufficient to meet AIT's needs. Therefore, H.R. 3707 authorizes the appropriation of \$75 million for planning, acquisition and construction of a new facility for the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT).

Mr. Speaker, this body has been seized with issues involving our relations with Taiwan and the People's Republic of China. Taiwan is a shining example of political and economic development in Asia. It has made the transition to a fully functioning democracy.

Recently, Taiwan celebrated the successful conclusion of elections that, for the first time in its history, in fact the first time in Chinese history, saw the Democratic transfer of power to the opposition party. This weekend Taiwan's newly-elected president and vice president will be inaugurated.

In view of these developments, now is the appropriate time to send the message of our unshakeable, long-term commitment to America's critically important relations with Taiwan. With a new AIT facility, the United States is delivering the message that its presence will remain as long as it takes to assure that any reunification with the mainland is voluntary and as a result of peaceful means.

In the next few days, this body is likely to approve permanent normal trade relations with the People's Republic of China as part of our support for its accession into the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Similarly, this Member is confident that this body will support simultaneous accession of Taiwan to the WTO,

an action that has been too long delayed. We will support the accession of the PRC to the WTO because it is in our clear national interest to do so. But, at the same time, we will be making it clear that Taiwan merits similar consideration in the WTO and must have membership in it. I would hope it will come at the same session of the WTO.

This Member wishes to express his sincere appreciation to the gentleman from Illinois (Speaker HASTERT); the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the majority leader; and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), the Democratic leader; the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN), the committee chairman; the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON), the ranking Democratic member, and all of those in the House and the Senate who have contributed to moving this important bill forward under unanimous consent.

Mr. Speaker, this Member supports these changes to H.R. 3707 and urges all of his colleagues to join in supporting this important legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the original request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3707.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

There was no objection.

PERIODIC REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BURMA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-241)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c) and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 2000.

CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BURMA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-242)

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Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622 (d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the Federal Register for publication, stating that the emergency declared with respect to Burma is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 2000.

As long as the Government of Burma continues its policies of committing large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in Burma, this situation continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force these emergency authorities beyond May 20, 2000.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

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REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 632

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 632, the Safe Seniors Assurance Study Act of 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

VOTE AGAINST PNTR

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues William Safire's editorial from today's New York Times. Today, Mr. Safire writes that before Richard Nixon died, Mr. Safire had a conversation with Nixon about China. Safire asked Nixon if he had gone a bit overboard on selling the American public on the political benefits of the China deal. Nixon replied that he was not as hopeful as he had once been, saying, "We may have created a Frankenstein."

They are telling words from Richard Nixon, the person responsible for the so-called engagement, which has resulted in more espionage against our government, the arrest of Catholic bishops and persecution of people of faith. On his deathbed, Nixon, the architect for our present China policy said, "We may have created a Frankenstein."

The passage of PNTR will feed this Frankenstein that will come to haunt this country and haunt this House.

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We may have created a Frankenstein. These are telling words coming from Nixon, the person most responsible for supposed American "engagement" with China . . . an engagement that over the past 30 years has refused to engage the Chinese with their gross human rights abuses, its espionage against the U.S., its proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, its plundering of Tibet.

On his deathbed, Nixon, the architect for our present China policy said "We may have created a Frankenstein."

Congress can prevent this Frankenstein from further atrocities and bad actions by voting against giving China permanent normal trade relations.

THE BIGGEST VOTE

(By William Safire)

WASHINGTON.—The most far-reaching vote any representative will cast this year will take place next week. It will be on the bill to permanently guarantee that Congress will have no economic leverage to restrain China's internal repression of dissidents or external aggression against Taiwan.

Bill Clinton, architect of the discredited "strategic partnership" with Beijing, is lobbying for H.R. 4444 as part of his legacy thing. His strange bedfellow is the G.O.P. leadership, fairly slavering at the prospect of heavy contributions from U.S. companies that want to profit from building up China's industrial and electronic strength.

Clinton has been purchasing Democratic votes one by one. The latest convert to pulling the U.S. teeth is Charles Rangel of New York, who was seduced by last week's legislation to benefit African workers at the expense of Chinese laborers in sweatshops at slave wages. He is the ranking Democrat on Ways and Means, which yesterday voted to send the any-behavior-goes bill to the House floor.

The president's tactics include frightening Americans with "dangerous confrontation and constant insecurity" from angry China if his appeasement is not passed.

He also divides American farmers from workers with his mantra, "exports mean jobs." Of course they do; in the past decade, our trade deficit with China has ballooned from \$7 billion to \$70 billion. That means China's exports to the U.S. have created hundreds of thousands of jobs—in China. Clinton's trade deficit is certainly not creating net jobs for Americans.

His trade negotiator, Charlene Barshefsky, has become increasingly shrill, turning truth

on its head this week by telling Lally Weymouth of The Washington Post that "organized labor, human rights advocates and some environmentalists have aligned themselves with the Chinese army and hard-liners in Beijing who do not want accession for China."

Not to be outdone in twisting the truth and kowtowing to Communists, Republican investors and the Asia establishment assure us that only by abandoning yearly review of China's rights abuses and diplomatic conduct can we encourage democracy there.

I confess to writing speeches for Richard Nixon assuring conservatives that trade with China would lead to the evolution of democratic principles in Beijing. But we've been trading for 30 years now, financing its military-industrial base, enabling it to buy M-11 missiles from the Russians and advanced computer technology from us.

Has our strengthening of their regime brought political freedom? Ask the Falun Gong, jailed by the thousands for daring to organize; as the Tibetans, their ancient culture destroyed and nation colonized; ask the Taiwanese, who face an escalation of the military threat against them after the U.S. Congress spikes its cannon of economic retaliation.

Before Nixon died, I asked him—on the record—if perhaps we had gone a bit overboard on selling the American public on the political benefits of increased trade. That old realist, who had played the China card to exploit the split in the Communist world, replied with some sadness that he was not as hopeful as he had once been: "We may have created a Frankenstein."

(I was on the verge of correcting him that Dr. Frankenstein was the creator, and that he meant "Frankenstein's monster," but I bit my tongue.)

To provide a face-saver for Democrats uncomfortable with forever removing Scoop Jackson's economic pressure, Clinton's bipartisan allies have cooked up a toothless substitute: a committee to cluck-cluck loudly when China cracks down and acts up. We already have a State Department annual report that does that, to no effect on a China whose transgressions have always been waived.

Human rights advocates know the smart money in Washington is betting on the appeasers. Our only hope is that the undecideds in Congress consider that unemployment in their districts will not always be under 4 percent, and that when recession or aggression bites, voters will not forget who threw away economic restraints on China.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

IN SUPPORT OF PNTR FOR CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, American business men and women have eyed China for years, knowing that the sky is the limit when it comes to selling American-made goods and services to the world's largest market. But Americans have found it difficult to trade with China since complete access to this vast market has been vastly restricted.

In today's global marketplace, we can no longer afford any restrictions on trade with the world's largest population. We must engage China to ensure that American companies and American workers have the tools to compete with other nations now already in these markets. Remember, when America competes, we win.

Over the past year, Mr. Speaker, I have worked with the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER), chairman of the Committee on Rules, and a number of colleagues in support of extending permanent normal trading relations with China. Back home in New Jersey, I have met with hundreds of people from the business community to encourage them to organize and help spread the word about the benefits of increased trade with China that will bring benefits to the Garden State, and I would like to discuss for a few minutes a few of these items.

First, extending permanent normal trade relations with China is a win for fairness. This agreement forces China to adhere to our rules-based trading system. Without an agreement, there are no rules and we have no say whatsoever in how China conducts its business with the rest of the world.

Secondly, it is a win for U.S. workers and businesses, Mr. Speaker. China is an incredibly important emerging market with more than a billion consumers.

Thirdly, trade with China is a win for American values inside China. Through free and fair trade, America will not only export many products and services, but we will deliver a good old-fashioned dose of our democratic values and free market ideas.

Fourthly, international trade whether it be with China or any other Nation means jobs for my State of New Jersey, and that is the bottom line, continued prosperity for all of us. Out of New Jersey's 4.1 million member workforce, almost 600,000 people statewide from main street to Fortune 500 companies are employed because of exports, imports and foreign direct investment. Currently, China ranked as New Jersey's ninth largest export destination in 1998, an increase from 13th in 1993. Our Garden State has exported \$668 million in merchandise to China in 1998, more than double what was exported 5 years earlier.

With a formal trade agreement in practice, imagine the potential as access to China's vast markets is improved. Enormous opportunities exist for our State's telecommunications,