

still more debt that the State cannot redeem.

In short, if California won't help itself, the Federal Government cannot and it should not and it must not.

OUR WONDERFUL HISTORY WITH PAKISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, let me acknowledge the very hard work that was accomplished by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, Chairman BERMAN and Subcommittee Chairman ACKERMAN, and say that we did the right thing today. By passing the Pakistan Enduring Assistance and Cooperation Enhancement Act, the American people have made a few more steps toward their own personal security, their own ensuring of the security of the homeland, and recognizing a long-standing relationship that has had, frankly, its hills and valleys.

Many of us don't know the history of other countries, and obviously we have our own wonderful history. But, interestingly enough, when Pakistan was founded by a person named Muhammad Ali Jinnah, it was founded on democratic principles, and we have had a longstanding 50-plus year relationship, although it has been uneven.

So today we have restored that relationship, and I hope Pakistani Americans and their own Embassy that is here representing Pakistan really realizes that we made a strong statement today for the respect and for the relationship of this nation.

We have in essence put together a document that would enhance significantly economic, social and democratic assistance for Pakistan. We have recognized the importance of public diplomacy and engagement. That is a reinvestment, a reordering of the relationship.

We have also recognized the importance of a regional process or coordination between Afghanistan, India and Bangladesh, recognizing that this area, South Asia, is an important part of our security and their security. We must recognize that the people of Pakistan love democracy. And, yes, what we have seen over the last couple of days really has given us pause.

Well, I want you to know that the Pakistan military under their Secretary of the army is doing something they don't usually do. Their structure has been that they have been monitoring or, if you will, watching the border. That has been their task. For the first time, they have accepted the responsibility of internally ridding their country of the terrorists, the ones who have taken over the Swat, who have undermined them, people whose faith may have drawn them to a particular situation where they thought the government wasn't functioning, so they al-

lowed the Taliban and insurgents to take over.

And this is what we have, frankly, the devastation of 2.5 million people who are now moving from one place to the next. But the army is fighting the terrorists. And do you know what is more important? The people are standing up against the terrorists.

The legislation we have today will provide an investment through a prosperity fund. It will have certain criteria for Federal funding, for taxpayers' dollars to go to Pakistan. They must ensure that their nuclear materials are protected. They must make sure that they are fighting radicalism. And we can stop this kind of human devastation.

We know the international help that came to us during Hurricane Katrina. We know what we did with the tsunami. This is a terrorist tsunami. And I want to say that the Government, whether we agree or disagree with its strength, I believe they love democracy. These conditionalities that may be opposed will work their way through Congress. But if we didn't act today, we would continue to have the burials of so many people that are going on in this country, the kind of massive bombing that the terrorists think they can do to intimidate the people of Pakistan.

So, as a co-Chair of the Pakistan Caucus, I am grateful that we made a first step. I want the American people to know that your neighbors are Pakistani Americans. They are doctors, they are entrepreneurs, they are retailers. They love this country, and they want to help their country as well. I am glad we made this first step.

Let me move quickly to a domestic issue and put an explanation point on what we did right for Pakistan and say that I stand here today and support a restoration and bailout for automobile dealers. We missed the boat. We have dealerships who have gotten these ugly letters saying that even though you are a pillar of the community, you are in good financial shape, you can sell the cars, you must close.

Mr. Speaker, I stand against it, and I believe that as we move forward, we must have a carve-out for our automobile dealers who in fact can maintain their independence, who can sell cars. Whether or not it is by Fiat or whether or not it is someone else, Chrysler and GM cannot close by caveat, despite the bankruptcy structuring, the reordering, the reorganization under chapter 11. They cannot come and close hardworking automobile dealerships, and we as Americans and Members of Congress cannot forget them.

I will be looking forward to supporting legislation and writing legislation for automobile dealers carve-out and bailout.

RAMMING A DANGEROUS AND CONTROVERSIAL AGENDA THROUGH CONGRESS

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my growing alarm with the Democrat leadership's clear intention to use the conference report on the war supplemental appropriations bill to ram a dangerous and controversial agenda through this Congress.

It is now clear that Senate and House Democrats have decided to let their own political agenda subvert a bipartisan agreement on providing the men and women of our military with the support they need to continue the fight against terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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I proudly supported the House version of this bill when it originally passed this Chamber. However, Democrats are now preparing to use the conference report, which cannot, cannot be amended, to add unrelated, politically motivated poison pills to the measure.

My Democrat colleagues are proposing to add up to \$108 billion for the International Monetary Fund as part of the global bailout for foreign nations. Not only is this a bad idea on its own, I have yet to hear any explanation of how on Earth this will benefit our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In fact, this money will have precisely the opposite effect. Iran, which the State Department has repeatedly certified as "the most active state sponsor of terrorism in the world," would be eligible for these funds. Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, who describes America as "the biggest menace on our planet" and supports narcoterrorists in neighboring nations, he, too, would be eligible for these funds.

The purpose of this bill is to make sure our Armed Forces have the men and material they need to defeat terrorists. That this bill would include funding that could benefit the sponsors of terrorism, it's outrageous.

All of this being said, I'd welcome an honest, open debate and vote in this Chamber on the IMF funding, but my Democrat colleagues apparently would rather not risk a separate up-or-down vote. Therefore, they've resorted to playing games with funding for our troops by shoe-horning this measure in a war spending bill with no opportunity for debate here in the people's House.

And it won't end there. Unbelievably, reports are that Democrats are looking to include language to permit the transfer of terrorists being held in Guantanamo Bay to the United States, and they intend to require the immediate release of photographs of detained terrorists, likely, likely inflaming Islamists across the globe and further endangering our Armed Forces deployed overseas.