

GOP ponders China/Okla. connection

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The chairman of the Tulsa County Republican Party is alarmed about the prospects of Communist China owning companies and property in Oklahoma.

Chairman J.B. Alexander will meet with state GOP officials Aug. 27 to consider a resolution that he thinks echoes the views of most Oklahomans - that getting jobs is not worth getting in bed with the Chinese.

In July, Governor Fallin attended the National Governors Association annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. This meeting also included the inaugural U.S.-China Governors Forum and was the product of a "memorandum of understanding" signed in January 2011 between U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the Communist Chinese government.

According to the State Department's website, "The forum will build on and expand existing cooperation between the United States and China by encouraging state and provincial leaders to share best practices. It will also formalize relationships between the leaders who are best placed to understand the economic, educational, and environmental needs of their respective states and provinces. The goal of the forum is to foster direct interaction at the sub-national level in order to promote economic growth and prosperity. Thus, this gathering of sub-national leaders will serve as a platform to promote peer-to-peer exchanges between U.S. state governors and Chinese provincial leaders."

Fallin was recently reappointed to the executive committee of the NGA and she is a member of the economic development and commerce committees.

At this year's forum, Utah Governor Gary Herbert said, "On behalf of the people of Utah, I beg you for your continued partnership with Utah."

Amanda Teegarden, executive director of OK-SAFE (a non-partisan watchdog group), said the Oklahoma Commerce Department issued a "request for proposals" for a trade representative in China who would also seek foreign direct investment in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma manufacturers and farmers have exported goods for decades but this is a new effort to have foreign countries buy or bring in companies to the state.

According to the OK-SAFE website (www.ok-safe.com), Oklahoma has four foreign trade zones. They are:

1. Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City
2. Port of Muskogee
3. Port of Catoosa
4. International Business Park in Durant

“The question remains, which Governor Fallin has yet to answer publicly, does her administration plan to seek foreign direct investment in the Oklahoma by the Chinese?” asked Teegarden. “It would seem the answer is yes.”

Alexander said Idaho is considering allowing Communist China to develop a 10,000- to 30,000-acre “industrial zone” south of Boise, a self-contained model similar projects in Communist China.

Alexander said some Oklahoma connections to Communist China include the following:

- In August, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce advertised for a job opening for a representative within the Department’s International Trade Office for China. One of the job descriptions includes working to recruit more foreign investment from Communist China. “We are now using Oklahoma tax dollars to further our trade imbalance with China,” Alexander said.
- In March of this year, Chesapeake Energy (headquartered in Oklahoma City) closed a deal with Communist China oil giant CNOOC Limited to sell one third of the undivided interest in Chesapeake’s 800,000-acre oil and natural gas leasehold in northeast Colorado and Wyoming. This is the second such partnership between Chesapeake Energy and CNOOC.

Chesapeake Energy and Communist China also share ownership in a pipe manufacturing facility in Texas. “There are scores of other companies who are now sharing ownership in companies and real estate with Communist China throughout our nation,” Alexander said.

The University of Oklahoma has partnered with the Confucius Institute whose stated goal is the promotion of Chinese interests in the state of Oklahoma, including the goal of teaching of the Chinese language in all Oklahoma schools from pre-kindergarten and up.

The Jenks Public School district has already received \$2.5 million in significant federal grants for its Chinese language program, including its “Sino-Trojan Project.”

Nationally, in 2005, CNOOC attempted to purchase American oil company Unocal. They withdrew their bid, citing political tension in the United States over the deal.

Despite a hands-off approach from the Bush Administration, a broad group of Democrats and Republicans in Congress organized opposition to the Communist Chinese bid, Alexander said.

“They argued that with \$13 billion bid for Unocal coming from the Communist Chinese government, the offer did not represent a free-market transaction and had questionable motives,” Alexander said. “Furthermore, a lack of reciprocity was pointed out as American corporations were prohibited from purchasing assets in Communist China. It was also argued that the foreign and particularly Communist ownership of oil assets could represent a regional and economic security risk.”

In August, the Republican National Committee passed a resolution concerning the recent cyber attacks against the United States by Communist China. National Committeewoman Carolyn McLarty can attest to this problem, Alexander said.

“We have sold out our nation to the Communist Peoples Republic of China when we moved our manufacturing base over there and now we are letting the Communist Chinese government occupy land to build and operate factories, buy ownership in American companies and drill for oil and natural gas all within the boundaries of the United States,” Alexander said. “Do our elected officials remember a couple of wars we fought against the Communist in the 50s, 60s and 70s in Korea and Vietnam?”

“Do they remember the Cold War with the Communists? Do they remember the tens of thousands of Americans who died fighting against the very nation that they are now so eager to give U.S. land and company ownership to?”

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“We still have U.S. soldiers standing guard on the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea,” Alexander said. “This is still an active war and Communist China is still supporting North Korea.”

Letting communist governments own companies within our borders is treasonous, Alexander said.

Proposed Republican Resolution on China

WHEREAS, during the 50s, 60s and 70s 94,794 Americans were killed and 406,928 Americans were wounded fighting the communist in Korea and Vietnam. During these wars Communist China supported our enemy and in many cases supplied Chinese soldiers to help in the fighting; and

WHEREAS, since that time Communist China has remained an unrepentant Communist nation, guilty of many human rights abuses, from the 1989 Tiananmen Square incident where the Communist Chinese government opened fire on its own people; to the in-humane one-child policy, the prohibition of the free exercise of religion, and the non-existence of private property rights; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the late 70s the United States began trade relations with Communist China, facilitating the exodus of a major part of the U.S. manufacturing base and U.S. jobs to Communist China, thereby causing the economic failure of hundreds of small U.S. cities and increasing unemployment in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the United States government, and many state governments, are facilitating the purchase and occupation of land and businesses inside the borders of the United States through sweetheart deals and foreign direct investment; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, and private entities are facilitating the issuance of EB-5 Visas to the Communist Chinese, a mechanism to “sell” a fast track path to U.S. citizenship and facilitating the occupation of special economic zones at rates not available to U.S. businesses and citizens; and

WHEREAS, many states and state-funded universities have already entered into Memorandums of Understandings with Chinese universities for the sharing of technology (including defense technology), energy, green technology, and bio- and life- sciences technologies, the sponsorship of foreign instructors, and the introduction of Communist Chinese instructors into those universities, thereby creating a serious national security risk; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Republican Party State Committee urges Governor Fallin and our Republican leaders to avoid any further relationship, the entering into any agreements or signing of any Memorandums of Understanding with Communist China that would allow Communist China to own any land, in full or in part, or to occupy any land within the boundaries of the state of Oklahoma, to own any business, in full or in part, in the state of Oklahoma or gain access to our technology capabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Republican Party State Committee urges Governor Fallin and our Republican leaders to avoid such a relationship until Communist China becomes a full democracy to include, but not limited to, the freedom of elections and freedom of speech.

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