

the island municipality of Vieques. The Legislature of Puerto Rico believes that the time has come to ensure the people of Vieques the full enjoyment of their unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness while ensuring common defense of all United States citizens. The People of Puerto Rico are grateful for, appreciate and value the contribution of the armed forces of the United States of America to our collective security, and recognize the vital strategic importance, for our collective defense, of the Navy bases located in Ceiba and Vieques. Nevertheless, and in light of our modern world realities, we request that the courageous men and women of the Navy ensure that the people of Vieques, who have sacrificed so much throughout the years for our national security, achieve full enjoyment of their fundamental rights by ceasing their military exercises and bombing with live ammunition in the territory and surrounding waters of the island municipality of Vieques.

In the case of *Alberto Lozada-Colon vs. U.S. Department of State*, docket number 98-5179, filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, the counsels for the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Justice have argued before the court that the provisions for the organization of a constitutional government in Puerto Rico and the political status adopted as of 1952, in now way altered the political relationship with the United States of America, and that the Island of Puerto Rico continues to be a territory, subject to the plenary powers of the U.S. Congress. Despite this evident colonial status, we are United States citizens and we have the right to enjoy the protection and guarantees that are provided by our U.S. Constitution. Because of this, the U.S. citizens residing in the island of Vieques are covered and protected by the same basic rights as the citizens of any of the fifty (50) states of the American Nation. Upon examining the history of military activity in Vieques, we have to conclude that these have dramatically affected the lives of its people. The constant bombing and other military practices using live ammunition have affected the physical and emotional health of the residents of Vieques.

In the light of these considerations, the Legislature of Puerto Rico believes that it is imperative that the United States Navy cease using live ammunition in its firing and bombing military practices in Vieques. Once again, we reaffirm the need for the residents of Vieques to live in an environment of tranquility and to enjoy the happiness that all Americans aspire; be it

Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—To request that the President, the Congress and the Navy of the United States of America, on behalf and in representation of the People of Puerto Rico, immediately respond to the plea of our people to cease using live ammunition in firing and bombing military practices in the island municipality of Vieques and its surrounding waters.

Section 2.—To request that the President, the Congress, and the Navy of the United States of America, once the firing and bombing military practices mentioned in Section 1 have ceased, deactivate and remove all undetonated explosive artifacts used during its firing and bombing military practices which might reasonably constitute a risk to the inhabitants of Vieques.

Section 3.—This Concurrent Resolution shall be remitted to the Honorable William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States of America; the Congress of the United States of America, the Vice President of the United States of America, the Chair-

man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of the Department of Defense, and the Secretary of the Navy of the United States of America.

Section 4.—This Concurrent Resolution shall take effect immediately after its approval.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 1102. A bill to guarantee the right of individuals to receive full social security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act in full with an accurate annual cost-of-living adjustment; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1103. A bill to reform Social Security by creating personalized retirement accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1104. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide simplified and accurate information on the social security trust funds, and personal earnings and benefit estimates to eligible individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 1105. A bill to assist local governments and States in assessing and remediating brownfield sites, increase fairness and reduce litigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1106. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for qualified individuals for bone mass measurement (bone density testing) to prevent fractures associated with osteoporosis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1107. A bill to reform the conduct of Federal elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 1108. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage and administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GREGG, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBB, Mr. GRAMS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MACK, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. REID, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1109. A bill to conserve global bear populations by prohibiting the importation, exportation, and interstate trade of bear viscera

and items, products, or substances containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, bear viscera, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 1110. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Engineering; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 1111. A bill to provide continuing authorization for a National Conference on Small Business, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1112. A bill to protect children and other vulnerable subpopulations from exposure to environmental pollutants, to protect children from exposure to pesticides in schools, and to provide parents with information concerning toxic chemicals that pose risks to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 105. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate relating to consideration of Slobodan Milosevic as a war criminal; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 106. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding English plus other languages; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S. Res. 107. A resolution to establish a Select Committee on Chinese Espionage; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Con. Res. 33. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for vigorous prosecution of war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity in the former Republic of Yugoslavia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 1102. A bill to guarantee the right of individuals to receive full social security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act in full with an accurate annual cost-of-living adjustment; to the Committee on Finance.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS GUARANTEE ACT OF 1999

S. 1103. A bill to reform Social Security by creating personalized retirement accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

PERSONAL SECURITY AND WEALTH IN RETIREMENT ACT OF 1999

S. 1104. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide simplified and accurate information on the social security trust funds, and personal earnings