

proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 559) calling on the President to take immediate steps to help stop the violence in Darfur.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 559) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 559

Whereas the Darfur Peace Agreement, signed on May 5, 2006, between the Government of Sudan and rebels in Darfur has not resulted in a cessation of hostilities in Darfur;

Whereas, although the United Nations Security Council approved Security Council Resolution 1706 (2006), which provides for a United Nations peacekeeping presence in Darfur to replace the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS), the Government of Sudan has rejected the deployment of United Nations peacekeepers;

Whereas the Government of Sudan is engaged in a major offensive in Darfur, in direct violation of the Darfur Peace Agreement;

Whereas violence in the Darfur region has increased since the signing of the Darfur Peace Agreement;

Whereas Jan Egeland, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, has stated that the coming weeks may result in a "man-made catastrophe of an unprecedented scale" in Darfur;

Whereas the African Union has decided to terminate the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) at the end of September 2006;

Whereas it is unlikely that the United Nations will have the logistical means or capability to deploy peacekeepers to Sudan until the end of 2006;

Whereas the people of Darfur cannot wait that long for security to be re-established; and

Whereas the international community must renew its efforts to stop genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity in Darfur:

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) strongly condemns—

(A) the current military offensive of the Government of Sudan in Darfur in violation of the terms of the May 5, 2006, Darfur Peace Agreement and the April 8, 2004, N'Djamena cease-fire accord; and

(B) the rejection by the Government of Sudan of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1706 (2006);

(2) commends the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) for its actions to date in monitoring the April 8, 2004, N'Djamena cease-fire agreement in Darfur and encourages the African Union to leave the AMIS force in place until a United Nations peacekeeping mission is deployed to Darfur;

(3) calls upon the Government of Sudan to immediately—

(A) cease its military offensive in Darfur; and

(B) comply with the deployment of United Nations peacekeepers to Darfur as called for by the United Nations Security Council;

(4) calls upon the United Nations—

(A) to deploy as quickly as practicable peacekeeping troops as authorized by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1706 (2006) that are well trained and equipped; and

(B) to begin considerations of sanctions as called for by paragraphs 6 and 7 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1556 (2004) and paragraph 14 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1564 (2004);

(5) urges the President to take urgent steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, including by—

(A) pursuing the imposition of a "no-fly zone" in Darfur in cooperation with the United Nations, NATO, or NATO allies;

(B) garnering support for NATO assistance with the handover by the African Union of the AMIS mission to the United Nations;

(C) working through diplomatic channels to obtain the support of China, Russia, and United States allies in the Arab League in securing the compliance of the Government of Sudan with the deployment of United Nations peacekeepers as provided by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1706 (2006);

(D) supporting full funding for the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan;

(E) securing the necessary support from United Nations member states to schedule a special session on Sudan in the United Nations Human Rights Council; and

(F) appointing a Special Envoy to Sudan to head the Office of the Presidential Special Envoy established pursuant to chapter 6 of title I of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public Law 109-234; 120 Stat. 439); and

(6) urges the international community—

(A) to support the deployment of United Nations peacekeepers to Darfur financially, with logistical and equipment support, or through troop contributions;

(B) to fulfill financial obligations to United Nations and international humanitarian aid agencies for responding to the crisis in Darfur or addressing humanitarian needs throughout Sudan;

(C) to impose targeted sanctions against members of the National Congress Party determined to be responsible for human rights violations, war crimes, and crimes against humanity; and

(D) to impose sanctions consistent with paragraphs 6 and 7 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1556 (2004) and paragraph 14 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1564 (2004).

HONORING THE LIFE OF THOSE WHO DIED IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY ABOARD THE U.S.S. ENTERPRISE ON JANUARY 14, 1969

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent to now proceed to consideration of S. Res. 569, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 569) honoring the life of those who died in service to their country aboard the U.S.S. *Enterprise* on January 14, 1969.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 569) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 569

Whereas, on the morning of January 14, 1969, an MK-32 Zuni rocket fixed to an F-4 Phantom on the U.S.S. *Enterprise* (CVN-65) was overheated due to the exhaust of a nearby aircraft causing the rocket to explode;

Whereas the initial explosion of the MK-32 Zuni rocket set off a chain reaction of explosions, thus causing the death of 28 sailors and injuries to 314 more;

Whereas the servicemen killed include FA Paul Akers, AN David M. Asbury, LTJG Carl D. Berghult, LTJG James H. Berry, AO3 Richard W. Bovaird, AE3 Patrick L. Bulingham, AMS3 James R. Floyd Jr., AN Ernest L. Foster, ABHAN Delbert D. Girty, AEC Ronald E. Hay, ASH3 Roger L. Halbrook, AN Dole L. Hunt, ALAN Donald R. Lacy, ADJ3 Armando Limon, AME3 Dennis E. Marks, ABH1 James Martineau, ALAN Joseph C. Mason, AN Dennis R. Milburn, AN Joseph W. Oates, LTJG Buddy D. Pyeatt, ABE3 Jacob J. Quintis, BM2 James C. Snipes, AN Russell J. Tyler, AN Lavern R. Von Feldt, AN Robert C. Ward Jr., AN John R. Webster, ASM2 Henry S. Yates Jr., and AMS3 Jerome D. Yoakum;

Whereas the U.S.S. *Enterprise*, also known as "the Big E", was the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, and changed forever the face of maritime warfare;

Whereas the U.S.S. *Enterprise*, commissioned on November 25, 1961, is the world's longest aircraft carrier, measuring 1,123 feet, and remains in service docked at its home in Norfolk, Virginia; and

Whereas those who perished aboard the U.S.S. *Enterprise* on January 14, 1969, served their country bravely; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate honors the life and legacy of those who bravely served aboard the U.S.S. *Enterprise* (CVN-65), especially those who gave their lives in service to the United States on January 14, 1969.

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 3861

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent S. 3861 be star printed, and the changes are at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar No. 376, Calendar No. 887, Calendar No. 888, Calendar No. 889, Calendar No. 891, and Calendar No. 894. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, that the President be immediately notified