

refuse to cooperate with the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1706 and the principles contained in the Addis Ababa Agreement; and

(E) work with members of the United Nations Security Council and the international community to address escalating insecurity in Chad and the Central African Republic; and

(7) strongly supports United Nations Security Council Resolution 1706 and the principles embedded therein.

SENATE RESOLUTION 632—URGING THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN UNION TO WORK TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN THE TRANSATLANTIC MARKET

Mr. BENNETT submitted the following resolution; which was:

S. RES. 632

Whereas a robust and cooperative transatlantic economic relationship is in the mutual interest of the United States and the European Union;

Whereas the strength of the transatlantic economic relationship underpins global economic stability and resiliency;

Whereas the United States–European Union economic relationship is the largest bilateral trade and investment relationship in the world, generating roughly \$3,000,000,000,000 in total commercial sales annually and providing employment for up to 14,000,000 people in the United States and the European Union;

Whereas, at the 2004 United States–European Union Summit, President George W. Bush and the leadership of the European Union jointly pledged to strengthen the transatlantic economic relationship by improving regulatory cooperation through the Roadmap for United States–European Union Regulatory Cooperation and Transparency;

Whereas, at the 2005 United States–European Union Summit, the United States and the European Union agreed upon numerous measures to expand economic ties, including the establishment of an official dialogue on regulatory cooperation between the Office of Management and Budget of the United States and the European Commission;

Whereas, at the 2006 United States–European Union Summit, President George W. Bush, European Union Council President Wolfgang Schuessel, and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso declared in a joint statement, “We will redouble our efforts to promote economic growth and innovation and reduce the barriers to transatlantic trade and investment by implementing all aspects of the Transatlantic Economic Initiative . . .”;

Whereas, on November 9, 2006, the United States and the European Union held the second economic ministerial meeting to further the implementation of the agreements of the 2005 and 2006 United States–European Union Summits, focusing on regulatory cooperation, intellectual property rights, energy security, and innovation; and

Whereas non-tariff trade barriers such as regulatory divergence continue to pose the most significant obstacles to transatlantic trade, including in areas such as pharmaceuticals, automobile safety, information and communications technology standards, cosmetics, consumer product safety, consumer protection enforcement cooperation, unfair commercial practices, nutritional labeling, food safety, maritime equipment, eco-design, chemicals, energy efficiency, telecommunications and radiocommunications equipment, and medical devices: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports efforts by the United States and the European Union to fulfill commitments made in recent United States–European Union Summits to implement all aspects of the United States–European Union Initiative to Enhance Transatlantic Economic Integration and Growth;

(2) calls upon the leadership of the United States and the European Union to identify and eliminate unnecessary regulatory compliance costs and non-tariff barriers to trade and investment at an accelerated pace; and

(3) urges the leadership of the United States and the European Union at the 2007 United States–European Union Summit to agree to—

(A) a target date of 2015 for completing the transatlantic market; and

(B) a jointly funded, cooperatively led study of existing obstacles to creating a transatlantic market, including sector-by-sector estimates of the costs of existing barriers to trade and investment, the costs and benefits of removing the barriers identified, and a timetable for removing those barriers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 633—CONDEMNING THE CONFERENCE DENYING THAT THE HOLOCAUST OCCURRED TO BE HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AND ITS PRESIDENT, MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was:

S. RES. 633

Whereas, on December 11 and 12, 2006, the Foreign Ministry of Iran will convene a conference in Tehran to provide Holocaust deniers a public platform from which to espouse their hatred;

Whereas 11,000,000 people, including 6,000,000 Jews, were viciously murdered in Nazi death camps during World War II;

Whereas President Dwight Eisenhower stated unequivocally, after visiting Nazi death camps in 1945, “The things I saw beggar description . . . The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty, and bestiality were . . . overpowering . . . I made the visit deliberately in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to ‘propaganda’.”;

Whereas the Holocaust is an undeniable fact of history and the upcoming conference in Tehran will serve only to perpetuate intolerance and hatred;

Whereas Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the President of Iran, has repeatedly said that Israel must be “wiped off the map” and that “[a]nybody who recognizes Israel will burn in the fire of the Islamic nation’s fury”;

Whereas the Secretary of State has identified Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism that has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terror;

Whereas the Government of Iran sponsors terrorist organizations such as Hezbollah, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine–General Command by providing funding, training, weapons, and safe haven to such organizations;

Whereas the Government of Iran has continually defied international demands to curtail its uranium enrichment programs and development of nuclear weapons;

Whereas the Government of Iran has provided resources, material, and support to or-

ganizations whose goal is to destabilize Iraq and Lebanon; and

Whereas the outrageous statements of Mr. Ahmadinejad do not represent the beliefs of Muslims worldwide: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the conference denying that the Holocaust occurred that will take place in Tehran, Iran, under the aegis of the Foreign Ministry of Iran, on December 11 and 12, 2006; and

(2) calls on the President, on behalf of the United States, to thoroughly repudiate, in the strongest terms possible, the conference and its goal of denying that the Holocaust occurred.

SENATE RESOLUTION 634—HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF TOM CARR, CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE ANALYST, AND EXTENDING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS DEATH

Mr. STEVENS submitted the following resolution; which was:

S. RES. 634

Whereas Tom Carr served Congress with distinction for 31 years at the Library of Congress as an analyst for the Congressional Research Service;

Whereas Mr. Carr held a bachelor’s degree in history from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and a master’s degree in information systems from Strayer University in Fredericksburg, Virginia;

Whereas Mr. Carr was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, and grew up in Atlanta, Georgia;

Whereas Mr. Carr was an expert on congressional committees, House and Senate floor procedure, and congressionally created commissions;

Whereas Mr. Carr was an enthusiastic teacher of congressional procedure to staff, helping them to do their jobs better;

Whereas Mr. Carr was an accomplished and entertaining public speaker who founded the Library of Congress chapter of the Toastmasters and was president of the Capitol Hill Toastmasters;

Whereas Mr. Carr worked tirelessly and cheerfully in service to Congress and set a high example for his colleagues;

Whereas Mr. Carr was distinguished for the generous enthusiasm with which he met the needs of colleagues and clients alike, as well as for his persistent and expansive good humor and wit; and

Whereas Mr. Carr faithfully discharged his duties and responsibilities in a wide variety of demanding positions in public life with honesty, integrity, loyalty, and humility: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the life and achievements of Congressional Research Service Analyst Tom Carr;

(2) expresses profound sorrow upon the occasion of Mr. Carr’s death and extends heartfelt condolences to those who survive him: his wife Mary (Mimi), his sons Thomas and John, his mother Carswella, and his 9 brothers and sisters; and

(3) expresses its appreciation and respect for Mr. Carr’s exemplary record as an analyst for Congress.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5231. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R.

6111, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5232. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6111, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5233. Mr. DEWINE (for Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1120, to reduce hunger in the United States, and for other purposes.

SA 5234. Mr. DEWINE (for Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1120, supra.

SA 5235. Mr. ENZI proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1245, to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

SA 5236. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6111, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending.

SA 5237. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to amendment SA 5236 proposed by Mr. FRIST to the bill H.R. 6111, supra.

SA 5238. Mr. FRIST (for Mr. ENZI) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6164, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

SA 5239. Mr. FRIST (for Mr. SMITH) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 798, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes.

SA 5240. Mr. SPECTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4055, to address the effect of the death of a defendant in Federal criminal proceedings; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 5231. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6111, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending, which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. —. FUNDING SOURCE FOR RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES PAYMENTS.

(a) RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES TRUST FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter A of chapter 98 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 9511. RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES TRUST FUND.

“(a) CREATION OF TRUST FUND.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the ‘Rural Schools and Communities Trust Fund’, consisting of such amounts as may be appropriated or credited to such Trust Fund as provided in this section or section 9602(b).

“(b) TRANSFERS TO TRUST FUND.—There are hereby appropriated to the Rural Schools and Communities Trust Fund amounts equivalent to the amounts estimated by the Secretary by which Federal revenues are increased, before January 1, 2011, as a result of the provisions of section 3402(t).

“(c) EXPENDITURES FROM TRUST FUND.—Amounts in the Rural Schools and Communities Trust Fund shall be available only for—

“(1) payments to eligible States under section 102(a)(2) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000; and

“(2) payments to eligible counties under section 103(a)(2) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.”

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) PAYMENTS TO STATES.—Paragraph (3) of section 102(b) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393; 16 U.S.C. 500 note) is amended by striking “out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated” and inserting “out of the Rural Schools and Communities Trust Fund under section 9511 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986”.

(B) PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES.—Paragraph (2) of section 103(b) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393; 16 U.S.C. 500 note) is amended by striking “out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated” and inserting “out of the Rural Schools and Communities Trust Fund under section 9511 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986”.

(3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subchapter A of chapter 98 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 9511. Rural Schools and Communities Trust Fund.”

(4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall take effect on January 1, 2007.

(b) IMPOSITION OF WITHHOLDING ON CERTAIN PAYMENTS MADE BY GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.—

(1) ACCELERATION OF EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 511(b) of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 is amended by striking “December 31, 2010” and inserting “December 31, 2006”.

(2) EXCLUSION FOR PAYMENTS TO SMALL BUSINESSES BEFORE 2011.—Paragraph (2) of section 3402(t) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (H), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (I) and inserting “, and”, and by adding at the end the following:

“(J) made before January 1, 2011, to any business which employed fewer than 50 employees during the preceding taxable year. For purposes of subparagraph (J), rules similar to the rules of paragraphs (2)(A) and (6) of section 44(d) shall apply.”

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this subsection shall take effect as if included in the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005.

(c) EXTENSION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT.—The Secure Rural Schools and Community Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393; 16 U.S.C. 500 note) is amended—

(1) in sections 208 and 303, by striking “2007” both places it appears and inserting “2008”; and

(2) in sections 101(a), 102(b)(2), 103(b)(1), 203(a)(1), 207(a), 208, 303, and 401, by striking “2006” each place it appears and inserting “2007”.

SA 5232. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER,

and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6111, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending, which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. —. EXTENSION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT.

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393; 16 U.S.C. 500 note) is amended—

(1) in sections 208 and 303, by striking “2007” both places it appears and inserting “2008”; and

(2) in sections 101(a), 102(b)(2), 103(b)(1), 203(a)(1), 207(a), 208, 303, and 401, by striking “2006” each place it appears and inserting “2007”.

SA 5233. Mr. DEWINE (for Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1120, to reduce hunger in the United States, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 1, line 5, strike “2005” and insert “2006”.

On page 2, strike lines 3 through 10.

On page 2, line 11, strike “(4)” and insert “(1)”.

Beginning on page 2, strike line 19 and all that follows through page 3, line 21.

On page 3, line 22, strike “(8)(A)” and insert “(2)”.

On page 4, line 2, strike “and”.

Beginning on page 4, strike line 3 and all that follows through page 5, line 2.

On page 5, line 3, strike “(10)” and insert “(3)”.

On page 5, line 5, insert “and” after the semicolon.

On page 5, line 6, strike “(11)” and insert “(4)”.

On page 5, line 18, strike the semicolon and insert a period.

Beginning on page 5, strike line 19 and all that follows through page 6, line 9.

Beginning on page 7, strike line 12 and all that follows through page 8, line 12.

On page 8, strike line 13 and insert the following:

SEC. 101. HUNGER REPORTS.

On page 8, line 16, strike “, and annual updates of the study,” and insert “not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and an update of the study not later than 5 years thereafter.”

On page 8, strike lines 21 and 22 and insert the following:

(A) data on hunger and food insecurity in the United States;

On page 9, line 14, strike “, and annually thereafter,” and insert “and 5 years thereafter.”

On page 10, line 14, strike “50 percent” and insert “90 percent”.

Beginning on page 15, strike line 6 and all that follows through page 17, line 19, and insert the following:

SEC. 202. HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITIES TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

On page 19, line 10, strike “or 202”.

On page 20, line 14, strike “or 202”.

On page 20, strike line 15 and insert the following:

SEC. 203. REPORT.

SA 5234. Mr. DEWINE (for Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to the bill