

armed forces from Somalia, to honor its obligation under the Geneva Conventions to ensure protection of civilians under its control, and to observe the distinction between civilians and military combatants and their assets;

(E) urge the Government of Eritrea to play a productive role in helping to bring about stability to Somalia, including ceasing to provide any financial and material support, such as arms and ammunition, to insurgent groups in and around Mogadishu and throughout the region; and

(F) call on all countries in the region and wider international community to provide increased support for AMISOM and ensure a robust civilian protection mandate;

(3) to achieve sustainable peace in the region, the Transitional Federal Government, including the newly appointed Prime Minister and his Cabinet, should—

(A) take necessary steps to protect civilians from dangers related to military operations, investigate and prosecute human rights abuses, provide basic services to all the people of Somalia, and ensure that humanitarian organizations have full access to vulnerable populations;

(B) recommit to the Transitional Federal Charter;

(C) set a detailed timeline and demonstrate observable progress for completing the political transition laid out in the Transitional Federal Charter by 2009, including concrete and immediate steps toward scheduling elections as a means of establishing a democratically elected government that represents the people of Somalia; and

(D) agree to participate in an inclusive and transparent political process, with international support, towards the formation of a government of national unity based on the principles of democracy, accountability, and the rule of law.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, one month ago I urged greater U.S. and international action to end the horrific violence plaguing Somalia and to press for a political solution that will lead to a sustainable peace in this war-torn country and stability for the volatile Horn of Africa region. Today, relentless violence in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, is worsening the humanitarian and human rights crisis faced by hundreds of thousands of Somali civilians, while Islamist militias have gained substantial territorial control in south and central Somalia and Somali pirates are wreaking havoc off the country's coast. In the past few days, a range of actors from the UN's Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs to Human Rights Watch, and even Pope Benedict, have issued urgent appeals for an end to the lawless violence in Somalia.

Today, I am introducing a resolution that will add the U.S. Senate to the list of those calling for the protection of civilians and a recommitment to the ideals and implementation of the 2004 Transitional Federal Charter. The resolution I am introducing—along with Senators COLEMAN, BROWN, and KLOBUCHAR—acknowledges the good work the U.S. has done, including the allocation of nearly \$50 million to support the African Union peacekeepers in Somalia. The U.S. continues to be the leading humanitarian contributor, with more than \$140 million in humani-

tarian assistance since the Ethiopians went into Somalia in December 2006.

This most recent "emergency" response to the situation in Somalia has now gone on for sixteen months and yet conditions on the ground have deteriorated significantly, with some experts claiming Mogadishu is worse now than it has been since the civil war began in the early 1990s. It is clear our current policy towards Somalia is not working—and we can no longer rely on temporary measures to stitch the crisis together.

This new Senate resolution aims to refocus U.S. and international attention on the medium- and long-term priorities, namely, our commitment to helping Somalis build the institutions and conditions necessary for a stable nation free from civil war and violent extremism. The resolution reflects information gleaned from a hearing I held last month in the Senate Subcommittee on African Affairs, in which expert witnesses stressed the need for an inclusive regional political process that facilitates dialogue and accountability.

I will continue to demand a U.S. and international strategy to bring stability and security to Somalia until there is evidence that an effective plan exists and is being implemented in a consistent and coordinated fashion. For the sake of the people of Somalia and the reputation of the U.S. and the international community—not to mention our own national security—it is vital to reinvigorate a political process and stimulate legitimate progress towards that end. Given our historic role on the Horn of Africa and the critical national security concerns emanating from this part of the world, I encourage my colleagues to join me in calling upon the U.S. administration, other foreign donors, the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, and other leaders in the region to end Somalia's descent into instability by facilitating political negotiations to address the need for accountability and the rule of law, and to prevent future suffering.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4579. Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4580. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2881, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4581. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2881, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4582. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill H.R. 2881, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4583. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2881, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4584. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2881, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4585. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2881, supra.

SA 4586. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2881, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4579. Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ AIR CARRIERS REQUIRED TO HONOR TICKETS FOR SUSPENDED SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Each air carrier that provides scheduled air transportation on a route shall provide, to the extent practicable, air transportation to passengers ticketed for air transportation on that route by any other air carrier that suspends, interrupts, or discontinues air passenger service on the route by reason of insolvency or bankruptcy of the other air carrier.

(b) PASSENGER OBLIGATION.—An air carrier is not required to provide air transportation under subsection (a) to a passenger unless that passenger makes alternative arrangements with the air carrier for such transportation not later than 60 days after the date on which that passenger's air transportation was suspended, interrupted, or discontinued (without regard to the originally scheduled travel date on the ticket).

SA 4580. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ DEFINITION OF FABRICATED.

As used in section 21.191(g) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the term "fabricated" means "to assemble from parts".

SA 4581. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable