

United States. They have filed a lawsuit in California against Cho Hung Bank and Daelim Industries and their U.S. subsidiaries.

Because of the strong concerns I have about this case, I had asked that this particular treaty be delayed until I had the opportunity to further explore this matter. One of the concerns raised by the family was that the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT) had not served the court petition to the Cho Hung Bank and Daelim Industries. I have now been assured that this action has been taken. I ask unanimous consent that a letter dated September 22, 1999 from the First Secretary of the Congressional Section of the South Korean Embassy be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA,
Washington, DC, September 22, 1999.

Mr. SEAN MOORE,
Office of Senator Barbara Boxer,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MOORE, in reference to my letter dated August 6, 1999, concerning the case of Mr. Cho Bong-Koo, I am pleased to inform you that, according to the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT), the Cho Hung Bank and the Daelim Industrial Company have each received a court petition at the end of August.

The Embassy has also learned that these two entities are planning to establish legal counsel to represent their interests regarding this lawsuit. As was mentioned in the attached letter dated August 24, 1998 and addressed to Senator Boxer, the Korean Government is of the view that any remaining questions in transferring the management of Samho in the 1980's should be settled through legal procedures in court.

I thank you again for your interests and concern.

Sincerely yours,

CHANG BEOM KIM,
First Secretary,
Congressional Section.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I also have received assurances from the South Korean Ambassador, Dr. Lee Hong-koo, that his government will not interfere with the pending court case and expresses hope that legal proceedings will be conducted as quickly as possible.

I ask unanimous consent that a letter to me dated November 5, 1999 from Ambassador Lee be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA,
Washington, DC, November 5, 1999.

Hon. BARBARA BOXER,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR BOXER, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your support for the ratification of the U.S.-Korea Extradition Treaty.

I would also like to commend you on your efforts to assist your Korean-American constituent, Mr. Cho Bong-Koo, who has filed

suit in the Los Angeles Superior Court against several Korean corporations.

I understand your concerns about this case and have considered it with the utmost gravity. Given our respect for the integrity of the U.S. legal system, it is inappropriate for the Embassy or any Korean government official to interfere in a case pending in your courts. However, in view of the long duration of this matter of concern to the Cho family, I remain hopeful that the legal proceedings will be conducted in a timely manner, so that the case may be resolved without delay.

Please be assured that I understand your endeavor to help ameliorate your constituent's concerns. As a public servant in a democratic government, I fully recognize the importance of your efforts. It is my belief that we will continue to work well together on future matters.

Sincerely,

LEE HONG-KOO,
Ambassador.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I support this treaty and will allow it to be cleared by the full Senate. I will continue to work with the Cho family and the South Korean government and hope that it can be resolved in a timely matter.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask for a division vote on the resolutions of ratification.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A division has been requested.

Senators in favor of the ratification of these treaties, please stand and be counted. (After a pause.) Those opposed will rise and stand until counted.

On this vote, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification are agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

Mr. DOMENICI. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative assistant proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I am prepared to recite the closing script, but I understand the distinguished Senator from Alabama wants to be recognized.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator want to go through with that and just accept whatever statement the Senator from Alabama wishes to make?

Mr. DOMENICI. All right.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1999

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, November 8. I further ask consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business, with Senators speaking for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator THOMAS or designee, from 12 until 1 o'clock; Senator REID or designee, from 1 to 2 o'clock.

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

ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

Mr. DOMENICI. Pursuant to the agreement on S. 625, I ask unanimous consent that the RECORD remain open until 5 p.m. for the filing of amendments to the pending legislation.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, at 12 noon on Monday, the Senate will begin a period of morning business until 2 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume debate on the bankruptcy reform legislation. By a previous consent agreement, the minority leader or his designee will be recognized at 3 p.m. to offer an amendment relative to the minimum wage, which will then be set aside so that the majority leader or his designee can be recognized to offer an amendment relative to business costs. Votes on these amendments have been set to occur at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 9.

The leader has announced that the first vote of next week will occur on Monday at 5:30 p.m. in relation to the bankruptcy bill. During the next week's session, the Senate will also consider the foreign operations appropriations bill, which has been received from the House, and any other appropriations bills that are available for action.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Alabama be granted permission to speak for up to 5 minutes.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. If the Senator will yield, I believe Senator WYDEN also wanted to make remarks for up to 10 minutes.

Mr. DOMENICI. All right. Which Senator?

Mr. SESSIONS. Senator WYDEN, before we adjourn.