

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 37

---

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 24, 1999

Received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

---

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning anti-Semitic statements made by members of the  
Duma of the Russian Federation.

Whereas the world has seen in the 20th century the disastrous results of ethnic, religious, and racial intolerance;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation is on record, through obligations freely accepted as a participating state of the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), as pledging to “clearly and unequivocally condemn totalitarianism, racial and ethnic hatred, anti-Semitism, xenophobia and discrimination against anyone \* \* \*”;

Whereas at two public rallies in October 1998, Communist Party member of the Duma, Albert Makashov, blamed “the Yids” for Russia’s current problems;

Whereas in November 1998, attempts by members of the Russian Duma to formally censure Albert Makashov were blocked by members of the Communist Party;

Whereas in December 1998, the chairman of the Duma Security Committee and Communist Party member, Viktor Ilyukhin, blamed President Yeltsin's "Jewish entourage" for alleged "genocide against the Russian people";

Whereas in response to the public outcry over the above-noted anti-Semitic statements, Communist Party chairman Gennadi Zyuganov claimed in December 1998 that such statements were a result of "confusion" between Zionism and "the Jewish question"; and

Whereas during the Soviet era, the Communist Party leadership regularly used "anti-Zionist campaigns" as an excuse to persecute and discriminate against Jews in the Soviet Union: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3            (1) condemns anti-Semitic statements made by  
4        members of the Russian Duma;

5            (2) commends actions taken by members of the  
6        Russian Duma to condemn anti-Semitic statements  
7        made by Duma members;

8            (3) commends President Yeltsin and other  
9        members of the Russian Government for con-  
10       demning anti-Semitic statements made by Duma  
11       members; and

12           (4) reiterates its firm belief that peace and jus-  
13       tice cannot be achieved as long as governments and

- 1 legislatures promote policies based upon anti-Semi-
- 2 tism, racism, and xenophobia.

Passed the House of Representatives March 23,  
1999.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*